the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) covers the setting up of new project as well as expansion or modernisation of existing activities listed in Schedule-I of it.

(c) and (d) Since the issuance of the EIA notification, Government has given environmental clearance to seven projects in petroleum sector, five projects in power sector and two projects in fertilizer sector from the State of Gujarat. No projects in drugs and pharmaceuticals have been cleared during the period.

Modicication of new education policy

*590. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend modifying and bringing about uniformity in the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make the primary, secondary and university education as well as vocational education more practical, employment-oriented and human value-based;

(d) if so, the progress achieved in the field of literacy, adult education and non-formal education, etc.;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to increase the budget on education for the next three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (f) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its Programme of Action (POA) were updated and tabled in the Parliament in 1992. Aspects of uniformity in education, employment-oriented education and value education are built into it. As of now emphasis would be on toning up the implementation and stepping up resources for education so that there is a better linkage between education and the world of work and improvement of access, retention and quality at all stages of education, particularly, elementary education.

About 53.19 million persons have been made literate till 31.03.1996 under Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) and other adult literacy programmes. About 70 lakhs out-of-school children are covered in 2.79 lakhs Non-Formal Education(NFE) Centres.

The Government is committed to increase allocation on education and on primary education in particular.

Transfer of non-woven jute technology by J.T.R.L.

*591. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jute Technological Research Laboratory (J.T.R.L.) has transferred non-woven jute technology to some other private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some commercial trials were undertaken at some private and public sector industries on bulk trial basis to test the none-woven technology developed at JTRL Calcutta in order to determine the technical and commercial feasibility before transfer of the technology could take place. However, actual transfer of technology was not done.

Implementation of afforestation projects in Gujarat

*592. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:—

(a) how many Centrally-sponsored integrated afforestation and economic

development projects are being implemented in the State of Gujarat as on date with district-wise details thereof;

(b) how much area in the State was brought under afforestation under the projects during the last three years;

(c) whether the local population's involvement/cooperation is being sought for the success of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) One project under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme is being implemented in the State of Gujarat in district Bhavnagar.

The Area brought under afforestation under the above project during the last three years is 3550 ha. The details of physical and financial targets and achievements are as under:

Projects in Bhavnagar District

Year	Physical (Area in ha.) Target	Achieve-ment	Financial (Rs. in lakhs) Relea-sed	Achieve-ment
1990-91	1225	—	55.00	—
1991-92	1225	1225	24.00	55.60
1992-93	1225	1225	—	82.60
1993-94	1225	1100	—	102.41
1994-95	1100	—	236.09	—
1995-96	—	—	30.00	—
TOTAL	6000	3550	345.09	240.43

(c) and (d) The project envisages involvement of local people by formation of Forest Protection Committees. Poor and backward people of the villages near the forests were to be members of the committee and involved in protection and development of the forests.

To seek their co-operation, the project included the following components:—

(i) Development of private lands (vidis) of small and marginal farmers in the project area.

(ii) Distribution of seedlings of tree species inluding fruit trees: 50,000 seedlings were distributed.

(iii) Distribution of imporved chullas, solar cooker etc: 150 improved stoves and solar cookers were distributed.

(iv) Employment Generation: The schemes generated 5.9 lakh mandays of employment over 3 years.

Recovery of dues by Railways

*593. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of RIAIWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outstanding dues of Railways on account of carriage of coal from coal pitheads to the thermal power plants went up from Rs. 894.85 crores as on 31st March, 1996 to Rs. 1,022.63 crores on 31st May, 1996 registering an increase of Rs. 127.78 crores, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 18th August, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total outstanding dues recoverable from concerned State Electricity Boards (SEBs), State-wise, DESU, NTPC, Badarpur Thermal Plants including private power houses as on 18th August, 1996; and

(c) the reasons for delay in recovery of the dues by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The figures quoted are made up of two elements namely freight and demurrage